

Nalajuk Players
Amos Comenius Memorial School, Hopedale
present

“Remember When”

Cast

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Uncle Simeon Frank Michelin
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Donna June Flowers
Katie Rachel Tuglavina
Amma Damieon Lucy
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SCENE I

(Grandma is alone on stage in front of the television)

Grandma Simeon! Simeon, come here! The news is on. Simeon! Where is that old fool? Sarah! Sarah?

(Sarah comes running on stage)

Sarah Here I am, Auntie Silpa. What’s wrong? Are you sick?

Grandma Sick? No, I’m not sick! I haven’t had a day’s sickness in my life! Where’s Simeon? Did he wander off again?

Sarah No, Auntie Silpa. He’s in the bathroom. He’s got that problem again so I gave him some Exlax. I hope he’s O.K.

Grandma God’s sake, girl! Get him out of that bathroom! He’s probably asleep in there again. How long has he been in there?

Sarah Gee, I don’t know. About 20 minutes, maybe?

Grandma Quick! Go get him! Go!

(Sarah runs off stage)

Grandma Young people today! They don’t know if they’re coming or going! What are they teaching them in that nursing school. If you ask me, I don’t need a nurse. I can take care of myself just fine. Always have. It’s not my fault I got old. (Pause) They say it’s best for me and Simeon. They say it’s good for us. A nurse can help you. Take care of you. That old fool in there had to go and lose his mind. So what if he wanders around? At least he comes back. (Pause) Well, at least most times he does. So, he forgets things. What do you expect? He’s 86 years old. Land sakes, I can’t even remember if I put my underwear on this morning! (She checks)

(Sarah returns with Grandpa)

Sarah There you go Uncle Simeon. Just sit down real slow. That’s it. Let me fix your pillows for you. Now, isn’t that better?

Grandpa It hurts to sit. I can't sit proper.

Grandma What did you do in there, you old fool? How many of those things did you take?

Grandpa Ahhhh.....

Grandma I said, HOW MANY DID YOU TAKE?

Grandpa Two, just like she told me.

Sarah Are you sure it was two pieces, Uncle Simeon?

Grandpa Ahhhh.....

Sarah I said, ARE YOU SURE IT WAS TWO PIECES?

Grandpa Two pieces? No, I didn't take two pieces. I took two packs. See? (He takes out the boxes)

Sarah TWO PACKS! Oh, Uncle Simeon, make no wonder you can't sit!

Grandma You stunned young thing! How many times have I told you to watch him when he goes to the bathroom?

Grandpa Ahhhh.....

Grandma Be quiet, Simeon.

Sarah Oh, Auntie Silpa, I'm so sorry. I thought he understood me!

Grandma Understand you? The man can't even remember his name from one minute to the next!

Grandpa Ahhhh.....

Sarah Be quiet, Uncle Simeon.

Grandma The next time he has to go the bathroom, stay with him girl!

Sarah I'm sorry, Auntie Silpa. It'll never happen again!

Grandpa Ahhhh.....

Grandma and Sarah SHUT UP!!!

(Grandpa moves back into his chair)

Grandma Now, go on girl and leave us be!

Sarah But what about Uncle Simeon?

Grandma I'll take care of him! Now get out of here.
(Sarah leaves the stage crying)

Grandpa Silpa!

Grandma What, you old fool?

Grandpa Love you ducky!

Grandma Ahhh you don't know what you're sayin' you old fool. Now watch the news.

Grandpa Hard ol' world. Bad people.

Grandma Why you sly ol' fox. You're not as far gone as I thought. You do understand don't you?
(Grandpa gives her a big kiss)

Grandpa Fooled you Silpa. I can still sneak a kiss.

Grandma This you remember. You can't remember where you put your pension cheque. You can't remember if you took your pills but you still know how to trick me. You dirty old man!
(Grandpa laughs) (Pause)

Grandpa Silpa?

Grandma What Simeon?

Grandpa Kiss, Kiss, Kiss.

Grandma Get away from me you old fool. (A knock is heard at the door) Come in.

Amma Hi! Mummy and Daddy it's me.

Grandma Amma! My Amma! Come closer let me see you. (They hug) Oh, Amma it's so good to see you. Look Simeon, our boy is home!

Grandpa Ahhh.....

Amma It's me Dad, Amma. Remember me?

Grandpa Who's you?

Amma Oh Mummy!

Grandma Don't be upset Amma. Somewhere in there he knows who you are. So, what are you doing here?

Amma Well believe it or not, I'm here for a couple of days. I've got some time off so I figured I would come to see you and Daddy. Is my room still available?

Grandma Of course it is.

Amma Great! So what's new? How are you and Daddy doing? Do you have that new nurse yet?

Grandma Nurse! That's not a nurse. An inukshuk has got more sense than that one!

Amma What do you mean?

Grandpa Pretty ol' nurse. Cute little thing. (He nudges Amma)

Amma Yes Dad. Pretty nurse. (Grandpa hits Grandma)

Grandma Amma we don't need a nurse. We can get along just fine. Why did you and your sister hire her?

Amma Oh come on Mummy, we've been through this before. You and Daddy are older. You need help. You can't take care of yourselves like you use to. Besides, after working all your life you and Dad deserve a rest.

Grandma Rest! I can't rest with that thing around. I feel like a prisoner!

Amma Mummy, she can't be that bad!

Grandma Bad! She's nearly killed the both of us. Your poor Daddy's mind is totally gone and I'm not sure about that stuff she makes us eat. It looks like grass.

Amma Mummy, the doctor said you needed to change the way you eat. She's only doing what he said.

Grandma I don't know, I still say she's trying to kill us.

Amma Give her time. She'll be fine. Where is she?

Grandma See for yourself. Here she comes.
(Nurse enters. Amma and Nurse see each other. They stop and stare)

Nurse Hi.....I'm

Amma I'm Amma. I'm single.

Grandma I'm Silpa. I'm going to be sick!

Grandpa Sick! Get the bucket! Get the bucket!

Grandma Oh be quiet you old fool.

Amma So, Mummy tells me you're doing a great job!

Grandma What?

Nurse Well, I try. They're such nice people, although your mother can get cranky at times. I think she needs a little more fibre in her diet.

Grandma What?

Amma Don't worry. She means well. So, tell me, are you seeing anyone?

Nurse No, not really.

Grandma Oh Amma you can't be serious.

Amma I'm going to be here for a couple of days. Would you like to get together sometime?

Nurse Sure. (Giggles)

Grandma Sarah! Sarah! Sarah!

Nurse Yes Auntie Silpa. I'm sorry.

Grandma What did you come in here for girl? Other than make a fool of yourself?

Nurse Oh, I forgot!

Grandma Now there's a news flash!

Nurse I need to take Uncle Simeon to his doctor's appointment.

Grandma Well, come on then.

Amma Mummy you don't need to go. Stay here with me.

Grandma Oh yes, I'm going. I don't trust her to take your father to the bathroom let alone the doctor. Help me up Amma.

Nurse Come on Uncle Simeon, it's time to see the doctor.

Grandpa Ahhh.....

Amma Doctor, dad. You've got to see the doctor.

Grandpa Amma! Amma! My boy! When did you get here?

Amma Just a few minutes ago, Dad.

Grandpa Take me for a ride Amma?

Amma Sure Dad, whenever you like.

Nurse You have a car?

Amma Car? No! My planes. I'm the owner and operator of Nanuk Air! (Nurse drops Grandpa)

Nurse Ohhh how impressive! Maybe you can take me for a ride sometime.

Amma Sure. I can show you some really interesting things from the air.

Nurse I can't wait.

Grandma When you two are finished drooling over each other could you help us get to the doctor?

Amma & Nurse Yes! Yes!
(All characters walk off stage)

SCENE II

(Kitchen; Amma is on the phone)

Amma Yeah, Mary! It's me. How are things at the office? Good! Good! Reservations coming in? That seat sale idea really worked! Any big whigs? Ahh the premier. Where's he going? Here! What's he coming here for? Oh yeah, the new mine. When's he coming in? Perfect! I'll be back in Goose Bay by then. (Katie walks in) I'll fly him and his cronies in here personally. (He sees Katie) Listen, Mary gotta go. My sweet little niece just walked in. Hold down the fort! See ya! (Pause) Well sweet little Katie, how are you? (He squeezes her)

Katie Uncle Amma. Dear little Uncle Amma. You still need that telephone to see out the cockpit window?

Amma Oh sweet and saucy!

Katie So tell me dear Uncle Amma, what brings you back here to Hopedale? Guilt?

Amma Guilt? What do you mean?

Katie Well, let's see. The mine started about four years ago. You left here without a cent to your name. Then all of a sudden we hear about this young Inuk success story who became president and owner of Nanuk Air.

Amma So? What's your point?

Katie Let me finish. Once you became a big whig you didn't have time for this place. You started hanging out with those mine bosses and industry people. You married a Kablunak woman, got divorced and now you have to pay her so much alimony, it's a wonder you're still in business. What a life!

Amma What are you saying you little twit?

Katie You're a SELLOUT!

Amma A SELLOUT?

Katie Yeah! You heard me! A SELLOUT! The only reason you're back here now is because you heard that Grandy was sick and you figured you would come back and make it look good. Ah get real Amma, you're like the rest of them. You wanted to make a quick buck and cash in and you did. You didn't care what you had to do just as long as you made your money!

Amma I've worked hard for what I've got young lady. You're trying to tell me that I should be ashamed of that! Well no way! I'm proud of what I've become.

Katie Proud alright. Well, if you're so proud how come you, when they were doing that story on you for CBC news, you went and told Anansiak not to talk to the reporters about when you were young?

Amma I did that because Mummy wasn't feeling well at the time and I didn't want her put under any pressure.

Katie You didn't want them to know what a juvenile delinquent you were. You didn't want them to know that you grew up a poor Inuk boy who used to break into houses and get drunk for fun. That wouldn't look good to your Kablunak friends now would it little Amma?

Amma Now you listen here you saucy little puppy. I might have got into trouble when I was young but I rose up above all that and I've certainly never denied who I was and where I was from.

Katie ha! Rose above it alright. You still need a chair to stand on when you get a drink of water. You're so short you can't even reach a door knob and when a person opens a door, you can walk between their legs without even knowing it.

Amma Oh yeah! (He grabs a chair to stand on) From what I hear you eat so many vegetables and alfalfa sprouts they could use your anuk to fertilize all of Hopedale. Even the cows envy you!

Katie So what if I'm a vegetarian. At least I'm not the Energizer Bunny of Red Meat Eaters!

Amma You tree hugging environmental freak!

Katie (Grabs a chair to face Amma) Inuk Smurf!

Amma Granola!

Katie Sellout!

Amma Nature Nut!

Katie Little man!

(Nurse Sarah runs in)

Sarah Excuse me!

Amma Airhead!

Katie Runt!

Sarah Excuse me!

Amma Artsy Fartsy!

Katie Moron!

Sarah Would you two shut-up! (They both stop and stare at her) I've got a problem and I need your help.

Amma What's wrong my precious?

Katie (Stares at audience) Oh, please! (Puts fingers in her mouth)

Sarah You see, I can't find Granpy.

Katie What! What do you mean you can't find him?

Sarah Well, I...

Katie Granny was right. You really are an idiot. No wonder you're attracted to her, Amma!

Sarah Ohh.... (She cries on Amma's shoulder)

Amma Now there, there my precious. (Amma smiles at audience) Now think, when was the last time you saw Grandpa?

Sarah Well, he was just waking up from his nap. I went in to check on him and he asked me to get his cough medicine because his throat was sore. When I came back into the bedroom, he was gone. Ohhhh.....

Amma Well, he couldn't have gotten very far.

Katie Well, we better find him before Granny gets back from Auntie Mary's. She'll have a fit when she finds out that little Florence "dim wit gale" let Granpy get away again!

Sarah Ohhhh.... (she cries)

Amma She didn't mean it, my precious. It's all that grass she eats. It's turned her brain into straw.

(They search around the stage. Katie looks through the window)

Katie What was Granpy wearing, Sarah?

Sarah His grey pants and white shirt with his suspenders.

Amma Why? What do you see Katie?

Katie I don't know. Come here and see.

Sarah All I see is someone sitting by that old fish box. It's hard to tell, they're back on.

Amma Hey, wait a minute. They're not sitting. They're....

Katie, Amma GRANPY!!!!
& Sarah

(They all run off the stage. They bring Granpy back to the stage)

Sarah Oh Granpy, I knew I never should have let you out of my sight.

Amma Dad, what were you thinking?

Katie That's just it, Dumbo. He wasn't thinking. He's got Alzheimer's. If you'd come home more often you would know that.

Amma Oh, so it's my fault that he's sick!

Katie You could at least show a little more interest where Granpy is concerned.

Amma Oh, and I suppose you're over here everyday in between your "Save the World" and "Save the Caribou" campaigns.

Katie At least I care.

Sarah For the last time, WOULD YOU TWO SHUT-UP!! You're frightening Granpy.

Katie &
Amma Sorry.

Amma Dad, where are you going?

Granpy Ahhh....

Katie Where were you going, Granpy?

Granpy Ohh.... The tuktu machine!

**Katie &
Amma** Tuktu Machine??

Sarah That's what Granpy calls the smelter.

Amma Why a tuktu machine?

Sarah Well, they say that ever since the smelter started operating, it attracts the caribou.

Amma How?

Sarah Seems the caribou are attracted to the noise and vibrations. It makes them frisky.

Amma You're joking!

Sarah Oh no. The elders say they haven't seen so many caribou in years!

Amma Well, so much for your destroying the caribou herd argument. What are you gonna save now, little miss Greenpeace?

Katie Caribou are still in danger because people like you are allowed to bring in outsiders and kill them all off.

Amma Oh, give it up. You're a lost cause. Face it. Ever since the mines opened up, there's been more positive than negative benefits for this place!

Katie Oh yeah you would say that, Mr. "Who can I sponge off next"?

Amma Give it up, Katie. People are tired of hearing it. Change is here to stay. Accept it!

Katie Never!

Sarah Before you two get into it again, could you help me lift Granpy out of this chair? He fell asleep and I can't budge him!

Amma Sure, come on Dad. Let's get you to bed.

Grandpa Ahhhh.....

Katie Bed, Granpy. Bed!

Grandpa Dead? Who's dead? Oh, my Silpa! Ohh!

Sarah No, Granpy. No! Auntie Silpa is fine. She'll be back soon. We just need to lie down.

Grandpa Lie down? You and me? Okee dokee! Let's go!!

Sarah No, Granpy. Just you!

Grandpa Who?

Katie Oh, just forget it!!

(All characters walk off stage)

SCENE III

(Grandma is sitting to the table drinking tea. She is with the social worker, Donna)

Donna So, tell me Auntie Silpa, how's that nurse working out?

Grandma Considering the fact that I'm still alive, I guess she's doing O.K.

Donna Amma told me that you didn't get along with her.

Grandma She's a clutz. I don't know how she got through that nursing school. She probably got her degree from a Cracker Jack box.

Donna I think you're just upset because you know you need help and you don't like it.

Grandma Darn right I don't like it. I never had nobody helping me before. I could always do for myself.

Donna Well, you can't anymore. And besides, you and Granpy need a break. You've worked hard all your life. Both of you. Enjoy it!

Grandma That's what Amma said. Part of me likes it but another part wants to get up and do my own thing.

Donna Oh, Auntie Silpa, relax!!

Grandma So, what's new with you, Donna?

Donna Not much really. Being mayor is keeping me really busy and with my work and social services, I don't have time for anything.

Grandma Not even babies?

Donna Oh, Auntie Silpa. Don't get started on that again.

Grandma Donna, why not? You and Albert would make great parents. Besides, wouldn't it be nice to have a little baby to hug and call your own? Sure, when I was your age, I already had four.

Donna That was then, Auntie Silpa. Times are different now. A woman doesn't need to have children as soon as she gets married. My life is so hectic. I don't have time for a baby

Grandma Are you saying that you don't want any children?

Donna No! It's just that I'm so busy. Now is not the right time. Maybe later.

Grandma Don't wait too long. That biological clock of yours starts ticking any louder, you'll need a hearing aid.

Donna I hear you, Auntie Silpa!

Grandma Albert still up Voisey's Bay?

Donna Yeah, looks like he's gonna be up there for another two weeks.

Grandma Any chance of him getting transferred to the mine down here?

Donna I don't know. They say they want to keep him up there. You know, they gave him a bonus last week. Apparently they might promote him to operations manager.

Grandma Hard worker, that Albert. All his family was. Good people. I'll talk to Laurie and see what she can do about getting Albert back here in Hopedale. Then the two of you can start your family.

Donna Auntie Silpa!

(Knock is heard at the door)

Grandma Sarah! Get the door!

Donna Where is she?

Grandma I don't know. Probably gone off with Amma somewhere. Donna, could you get that, please?

Donna Sure.

(Laughing is heard offstage)

Donna Look who I found on the doorstep!

Laurie Hi Mummy!

Grandma Laurie! My baby! Where did you come from?

Laurie Well, I wanted to surprise you and come home for Thanksgiving. Where's Daddy?

Grandma Ahhh.... I think Amma took him for a plane ride.

Laurie Amma's here? Great! How's he doing? Has he grown past your knees yet?

Grandma Laurie, be nice. He's your brother.

Laurie I know. I just couldn't resist. And what about you? (To Donna) How are you doing?

Donna Great! I'm really busy with work and my mayor's job. Speaking of which, aren't you supposed to meet the community council soon?

Laurie Yeah, that's right. I'm going to try to squeeze it in while I'm here, if that's O.K.?

Donna Sounds good. I'll let the rest of the council members know. So, what's it like being the first Inuit woman president of a mining company?

Laurie So far so good. There were some problems with the big whigs from Toronto and Vancouver but I took care of them.

Grandma What did you do?

Laurie Fired them. Every time I made a decision, they questioned me and constantly went against everything I did. So, I fired them.

Grandma That's my girl. If there's one thing I've always taught you, it's to stand up for yourself.

Donna Well, people back here are really proud of you and we support you all the way. You've done a lot for the coast. We have our own municipal airport, paved roads, a stone quarry, a titanium mine, a senior's home, a swimming pool, movie theatre, a bank and a mall. I mean, who needs Nain?

Laurie I can't take all the credit. When you think about it, it started years ago, long before my time.

Donna What do you mean?

Laurie Remember years ago when our parents kept the kids out of the old school for a couple of months because of the oil spill and the cracking walls?

Donna Oh yeah. I remember now. They were out for about six weeks. The media came in and everything.

Laurie And look what happened because of it. A brand new school. It's amazing what a community can do when we pull together.

Grandma And then there were those youth group kids. Remember them?

Donna remember them? They did more for the north coast than all the mines and Voisey's Bays combined. Oops sorry Laurie.

Laurie Don't worry. I know what you mean. Those kids paved the way for the rest of us. They took all the old crime, abuse, poverty and unemployment stories of the north coast and totally changed the way that other people in the province think about us.

Grandma Good kids. Putting the needs of their own town before their own. Good kids.

Donna And they got their youth center. One of the biggest and best in the province.

Laurie Mum, whatever happened to those kids?

Grandma Well, if I can remember that one, Darlene Nochasak, went away to university and became a lawyer.

Donna Then there was Amos Mitsuk. He started playing hockey when they built the ice arena and now he's playing for the Montreal Canadiens.

Grandma And there was that little fella Winters. What was his name?

Laurie Dionne, I think.

Grandma Yeah right, Dionne. I remember he used to have a dog team. Always talking about dogs, he was. He breeds them now I believe.

Donna He owns his own kennel and sells pure breed Siberian Huskies.

Laurie There were two other kids too. Rachel Tuglavina and George Abel.

Donna Rachel left here years ago and went away to some acting school in Toronto. She owns her own movie studio and makes movies. I saw her on TV a couple of nights ago accepting some acting award. She made a name for herself alright.

Grandma And there was George Abel. I believe they used to call him "Spring-loaded George" at school. Always on the go that boy.

Donna You must see him pretty often Laurie.

Laurie Yes, I had a meeting with him last week about the mine at Harp Lake.

Donna Who would have thought **THE RIGHT HONORABLE GEORGE ABEL: PREMIER OF THE PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR.**

Grandma Hey, wait a bit. What about that other one before George?

Laurie What other one Mum?

Grandma You know! That Turbot man. The one who wanted to shut down Churchill Falls?

Donna Ohh..... you mean Brian Tobin?

Grandma Yes, yes Brian Tobin. Where's he to now Laurie?

Laurie Last I heard he was here in Labrador.

Grandma Where to?

Laurie Churchill Falls.

Donna He's the president of Hydro?

Laurie No. A janitor for CFLCO.

Donna & Grandma Geee...

Laurie So? How about a walk around this place? Let's see if we can find Daddy and Amma?

Donna That's a good idea. It's a beautiful day.

Laurie Are you up to it Mum?

Grandma Sure I am. Let's go.

(All characters walk off the stage)

(All characters gather on the stage for supper at Granpy and Granny's)

Laurie Did you enjoy your plane ride with Amma yesterday Dad?

Grandpa Ahhh?

Laurie Your plane ride Dad. Did you like it?

Grandpa Ohhh yeah. Flew all the way to Harp Lake and back. Good ol' fun. Saw lot ol' caribou.

Laurie Really? Caribou? You mean they're not scared away by all the machines?

Grandpa Ahhh...

Laurie The caribou! They're not scared!

Grandpa Scared? Heck no! All kinds of ‘em around. Those ol’ machines make ‘em happy. Kind ‘a frisky!

Laurie Are you serious?

Grandpa Prickets all over the place.

Laurie I can’t believe it! The environmental people told me the herds would disappear when development started. That was the thing I was afraid of the most.

Grandma We thought so too! But look now. Every freezer in Hopedale is full of caribou.

Laurie Who would have thought? And I was stupid enough to listen to those environmentalists!

Donna Better be careful. Katie’s turned into one of them. I don’t know how she’ll react when she sees you.

Laurie Ahh...don’t worry I’m used to dealing with people like Katie. Besides, she’s family. How bad could it be?

Grandma I wonder where Amma is?

Donna Last I saw he was in the kitchen with Sarah. Looks like they’re getting real chummy.

Grandma Chummy? I saw the two of them kissing so hard yesterday I thought Amma was taking her tonsils out!

Donna Sounds serious Auntie Silpa.

Grandma Amma may be smart in business, but when it comes to women, he’s a real issumackie! (Donna & Grandma laugh)

(Katie walks in)

Katie Hi grandma. Sorry I’m late. I had a meeting with some of my friends. We’re planning a protest when the premier comes in.

Grandma Katie are you ever going to stop that stuff?

Katie Grandma! How can you ask me that?

Grandma You've been at it for a long time and you haven't accomplished a thing. Just be a teenager. Have fun. Enjoy your life while you're young.

Donna Your grandmother's right Katie. Your concern for the people here is great, but don't you think it's about time you realized that all change isn't bad. I mean, take a look around. Look at what we have now. Even people in town have accepted the changes. You should too.

Katie I can't believe you two. Just giving up like that. What's happened to you?

Laurie Maybe I can answer that question Katie.

Katie You! What are you doing here?

Laurie I came home to spend Thanksgiving with my family.

Katie Oh, I get it. You're here to brainwash them and leave again. Well, congratulations, it worked.

Laurie Katie, I know you're very dedicated to the coast and the way of life here but You have to realize that things are changing.

Katie Oh, so that means I have to forget about who I am?

Laurie No, of course not. But what it does mean is that you can become part of that change. Yes, you are Inuit and so am I. You can be Inuit and determine how change will happen. I'm on your side in this.

Katie On my side! Look at you. In your fancy suit and fancy jewelry. Driving around in big cars, living in a big city. You're no Inuit!

Laurie Katie, stop it!

Katie Oh, so the truth hurts, does it?

Laurie Shut up little girl! Now it's one thing for you to come in here and talk about stopping development and saving the environment but when you attack me and my heritage that's where I draw the line.

Grandma Now, Laurie please. It's Thanksgiving.

Laurie I'm sorry Mom, but it's time she knew the truth. When I left here years ago I was bound and determined to make something of myself. Everything I got and everything I have now, I worked darn hard for. And now I have to come

back here and listen to the likes of you tell me that I should be ashamed because of my success! Well no way young lady! I'll tell you what I am ashamed of though. People like you! People from my own town who criticize and try to bring others down when they make something of themselves. I'm so sick and tired of all of you who wear your culture on your sleeve like a crutch. You're not proud of who you are. You use that old outsider versus Inuk argument because you don't have the guts to do anything about it yourself.

(Laurie walks out)

Grandpa Gee, this is better than the WWF!

Grandma Katie, don't be mad at Laurie. It just hurts her when you say things like that.

Donna Laurie was right about one thing.

Katie What's that?

Donna Us. For a long time Inuit people have always blamed their problems on people from "outside". But when you come to think of it we're the ones responsible. It's because we haven't taken action that we're in the state we're in. And then, when someone like Laurie does something positive, people criticize.

Katie But what about the environment? The land?

Grandma The land will continue long after the mines and people are gone. No matter how much we hurt the land, it will always continue.

(Amma and Sarah enter)

Grandma Well there you are. What have you two been up to?

Amma We have an announcement to make.

Grandma Wait a minute. Donna, go get Laurie.

(Laurie & Donna re-enter)

Laurie What's going on?

Amma Good, now everyone's here. I see everyone has a glass so I'd like to make a toast.

Katie A toast? To who?

Amma To Sarah and me. We're getting married!

(All characters choke)

Amma You see Sarah, I knew they'd be speechless.

Grandma Amma, how could you?

Laurie You just met two days ago!

Amma It's like we've known each other for years.

Katie There goes the theory of opposites attract.

Amma Isn't it great Dad, I'm getting married?

Grandpa Ahhh.....

Amma I'm getting married Dad!

Grandpa To who?

Amma Sarah.

Grandpa Ohhh nooo.....

Sarah Oh, Auntie Silpa, isn't it great? Now I can call you Mummy.

Grandma Oh Lord. (She cries)

(All characters come together at the table. Katie and Laurie walk to the front of the stage)

Katie Laurie, I was wrong before, I'm sorry.

Laurie That's OK. I got carried away too.

Katie I do look up to you. You know. I was just too proud to let you see it.

Laurie Look, I understand where you're coming from. I was young and full of ideas just like you. But I got educated and the more I learned, the more I realized what a benefit all this development would be for the coast.

Katie Everyone says that but I still don't believe it.

Laurie **Tell you what. I Have a meeting with the council tomorrow, why don't you come along and get educated.**

Katie **Sure, it can't hurt.**

Laurie **Now, there's just one more problem.**

Katie **What?**

Laurie **That!**

THE END